

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/547,284

Examiner

Ella Colbert

Applicant(s)

SATOMI ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02 July 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 109,111-113,115,117-119 and 121.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 109, 111-113, 115, 117-119, and 121 are pending. Claims 109, 115, and 121 have been amended in this communication filed 07/02/07 entered as Response After Non-Final Rejection.
2. The IDS's filed 5/15/07 and 7/02/07 have been entered and considered.
3. The 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections are hereby withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendments and convincing arguments.
4. The claim objection to claim 109 is hereby withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment to claim 109.
5. The 35 USC 112, First paragraph rejections for claims 109, 111-113, 115, 117-119, and 121 are hereby withdrawn in view of Applicants' convincing arguments.
6. Claims 109, 111-113, 115, 117-119, and 121 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants' method, apparatus, and computer-readable storage medium for receiving a piece of the first information and its property corresponding to the received unique identification code from a first database, retrieving a plurality of pieces of the second information and their properties from the second database based on the property of the retrieved piece of information in a second retrieval step, setting a print priority, preparing a plurality of printing layout examples for printing the retrieved pieces of second and first information, selecting one printing layout example from the printing layout examples, and creating printing data for printing the retrieved piece of the first information and at least one of the retrieved pieces of the second information in claims 109, 115, and 121

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The dependent claims 111-113 and 117-119 are also allowed by their dependency.

It appears that the instant invention is beyond the skill of one of ordinary skill in the art. Accordingly the invention would NOT have been obvious because one of ordinary skill could not have been expected to achieve it, NOR would they have been able to predict the results, and as such, they would have had no capability of expecting success.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Mori et al (US 2001/0043359) disclosed a print layout device, method and storage medium.

Crandall (US 5,970,231) disclosed an electronic newspaper and publishing medium.

Inquiries

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday,
5:30AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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